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**Section A**  
Explain with the aid of diagram, how you can produce a negatively charged sphere by method of induction.  
To produce a negatively charged sphere by induction consider a positively charged rubber rod brought near a neutral uncharged conducting sphere that is insulated so that there is no conducting path to the ground as shown in the diagram below.

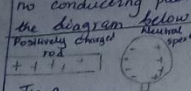


Fig a.

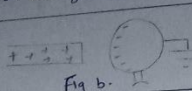


Fig b.

The repulsive force between the protons in the rod and those in the sphere causes a redistribution of charges on the sphere, so that some protons move to the side of the sphere furthest away from the rod (Fig a). The region of the sphere nearest the positively charged rod has an excess of negative charge because of the migration of protons away from the location. If a grounded conducting wire is then connected to the sphere as in (Fig b), some of the protons leave the sphere and travel to the earth and if the wire is removed (Fig c) the conducting sphere is left with excess of induced negative charges. Finally when the sphere is removed from the vicinity of the sphere (Fig d) the induced negative charge remains on the ungrounded sphere then becomes evenly distributed around the sphere.

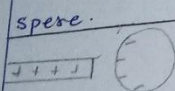


Fig c.




Fig d.

b) Each of two small spheres is charged positively, the combined charge being  $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$ . If each sphere is repelled from each other by a force of 1N when the spheres are 2.0m apart, calculate the charge on each sphere.

**Solution**  
Combined Charge  $q_1 + q_2 = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$ ,  $F = 1 \text{ N}$   
 $r = 2.0 \text{ m}$ ,  $K = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2$   
From Coulombs Law  $F = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2}$

and Magnetism  
Let the product of the charges  $q_1 q_2$   
 $q_1 q_2 = \frac{F r^2}{k} = \frac{1 \times 2^2}{9 \times 10^9} = 4.44 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}^2$   
 $q_1 + q_2 = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$   $q_1 q_2 = 4.44 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}^2$  (1)  
Substitute  $q_1 = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} - q_2$  in (1)  
 $= (5.0 \times 10^{-5} - q_2) q_2 = 4.44 \times 10^{-10}$   
 $= q_2^2 + (5.0 \times 10^{-5}) q_2 - 4.44 \times 10^{-10} = 0$   
Using formula method  
 $q_2 = \frac{-5.0 \times 10^{-5} \pm \sqrt{(5.0 \times 10^{-5})^2 - 4 \times (-4.44 \times 10^{-10})}}{2}$   
 $q_2 = 3.84 \times 10^{-5}$   
 $q_1 = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} - 3.84 \times 10^{-5} = 1.16 \times 10^{-5}$

Three charges were positioned as shown in the figure below. If  $Q_1 = Q_2 = 8 \mu\text{C}$  and  $d = 0.5 \text{ m}$ , determine  $q$  if the electric field at  $p$  is zero.

**Solution**  
 $Q_1 = Q_2 = 8 \mu\text{C}$   
To find  $\theta$  use  $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$   
 $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{0.5} = 2 \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} 2$   
 $\theta = 63.4^\circ$   
To find  $x$  use Pythagoras rule  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \therefore x^2 = 1^2 + 0.5^2$   
 $\therefore x = \sqrt{1.25} = 1.12 \text{ m}$   
 $E_1 = \frac{k q_1}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 8 \times 10^{-6}}{1.12^2} = 5739.795918$   
Since  $q_1 = q_2 \therefore E_2 = 5739.795918$   
 $E_3 = \frac{q \times 10^9}{x^2} = \frac{q \times 10^9}{1.25}$

vector	$\theta$	x-component	y-component
$E_1$	$63.4^\circ$	$= 25673.15$	$5739.795918 \sin 63.4^\circ = 51336.08$
$E_2$	$63.4^\circ$	$= -25673.15$	$5739.795918 \sin 63.4^\circ = 51336.08$
$E_3$	$90^\circ$	$= 0$	$= q \times 10^9$

$\Sigma E_x = 0$   $\Sigma E_y = 102672.16$   
Magnitude  $= \sqrt{E_x^2 + E_y^2}$   
 $\sqrt{0^2 + (102672.16)^2} = 102672.16$   
Since  $\Sigma x = 0$   
 $102672.16 - q \times 10^9 = 0$   
 $q = \frac{102672.16}{9 \times 10^9} = 11.42 \mu\text{C}$

2) Distinguish between the terms: Electric field and electric field intensity.

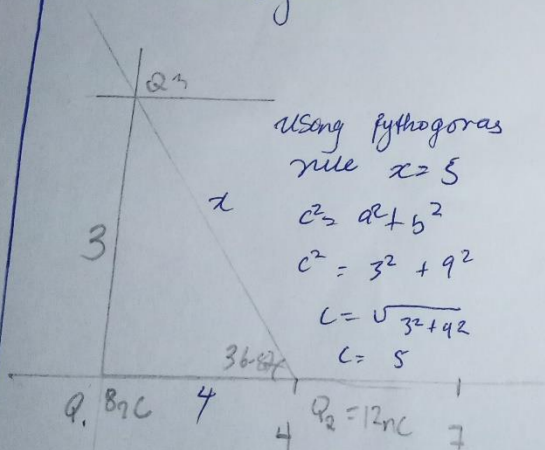
Answer

Electric field is a region of space in which electric charges will experience an electric force while Electric intensity is the force per unit charge.

b) A positive charge  $Q_1 = 8 \text{ nC}$  is at the origin, and a second positive charge  $Q_2 = 12 \text{ nC}$  is on the x-axis at  $x = 4 \text{ m}$ . Find

i) The net electric field at a point P on the x-axis at  $x = 7 \text{ m}$

ii) the electric field at point Q on the y-axis at  $y = 3 \text{ m}$  due to charges.



Solution

$$E_1 = \frac{kQ}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 8 \times 10^{-9}}{7^2}$$

$$= 10.469$$

$$E_2 = \frac{kQ}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 12 \times 10^{-9}}{5^2}$$

To net electric field:  $13.469 = 13.5$

$$E_1 = \frac{kQ_1}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 8 \times 10^{-9}}{7^2} = 8 \text{ N/C}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{kQ_2}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 12 \times 10^{-9}}{5^2} = 4.32 \text{ N/C}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} = 36.87^\circ$$

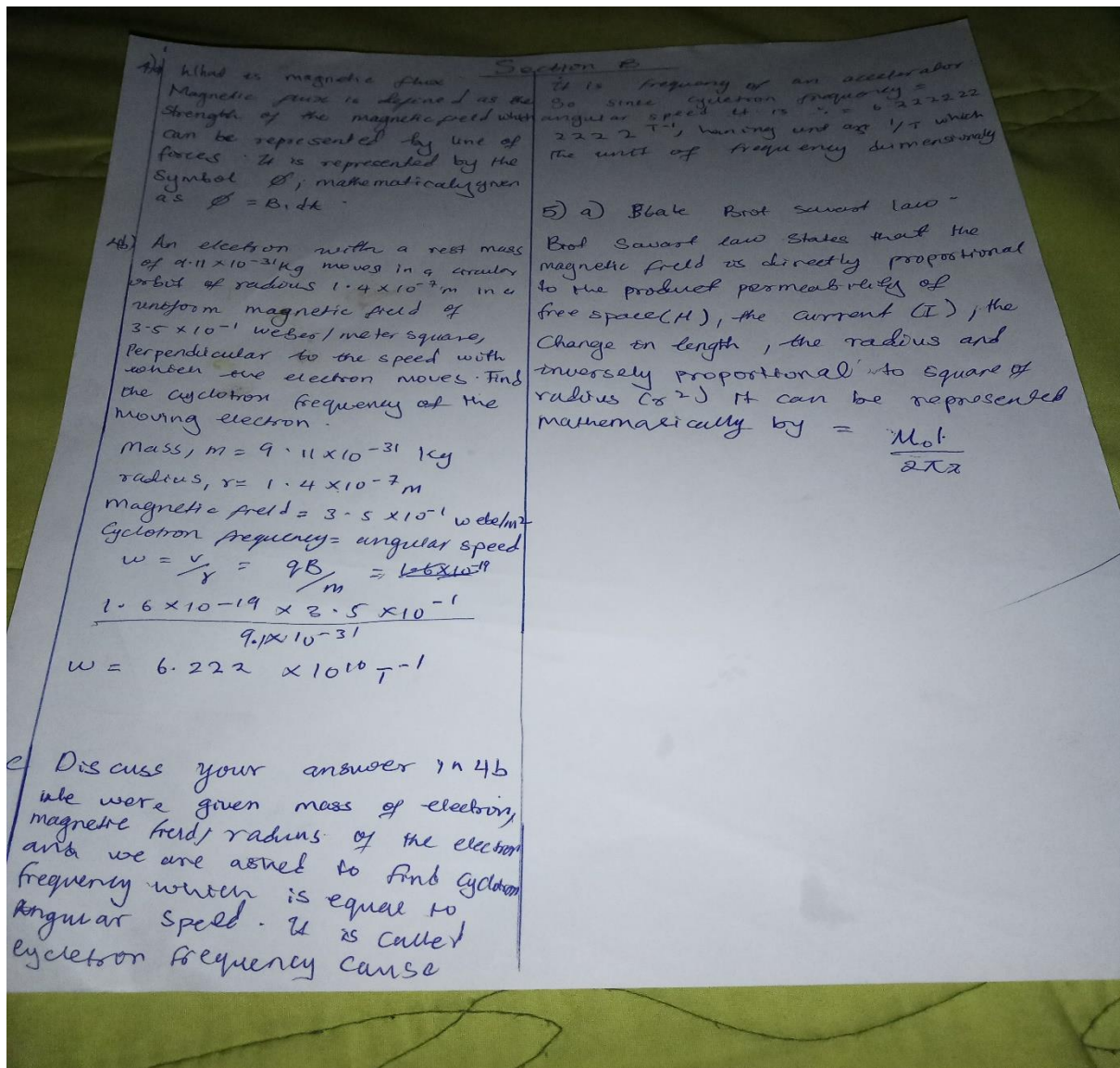
Vectors	$\theta$	x component	y component
$E_1 = 8 \text{ N/C}$	$90^\circ$	$8 \cos 90 = 0$	$8 \sin 90 = 8$
$E_2 = 4.32 \text{ N/C}$	$36.87^\circ$	$4.32 \cos 36.87 = -3.4534$	$4.32 \sin 36.87 = 2.5920$
		$E_x = -3.4534$	$E_y = 10.5920$

$$E_{\text{net}} = \sqrt{E_x^2 + E_y^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-3.4534)^2 + (10.5920)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{124.08}$$

$$= 11.14 \text{ N/C}$$



### Magnetic Field of a Straight Current Carrying Conductor

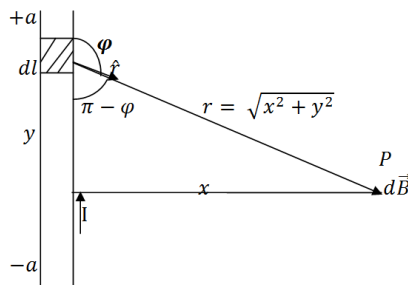


Fig 1: A section of a Straight Current Carrying Conductor

Applying the Biot-Savart law, we find the magnitude of the field  $d\vec{B}$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{dl \sin \phi}{r^2}$$

$$\sin(\pi - \phi) = \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{dl \sin(\pi - \varphi)}{r^2}$$

From diagram,  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$  (Pythagoras theorem)

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{dl \sin(\pi - \varphi)}{x^2 + y^2} \quad \dots \quad (*)$$

$$\text{But } \sin(\pi - \varphi) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}} \quad \dots \quad (**)$$

Substituting (\*\*) into (\*), we have

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a dl \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a dl \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

Recall  $dl = dy$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dy$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I x}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dy \quad \dots \quad (***)$$

Using special integrals:

$$\int \frac{dy}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}}$$

Equation (\*\*\*) therefore becomes

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I x}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{y}{x^2 (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}} \right]_{-a}^a$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I x}{4\pi} \left( \frac{2a}{x^2 (x^2 + a^2)^{1/2}} \right)$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi x} \left( \frac{2a}{(x^2 + a^2)^{1/2}} \right)$$

When the length  $2a$  of the conductor is very great in comparison to its distance  $x$  from point P, we consider it infinitely long. That is, when  $a$  is much larger than  $x$ ,

$$(x^2 + a^2)^{1/2} \cong a, \text{ as } a \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi x}$$